

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

In accordance with the Department of Children and Family Services' (DCFS) goal of improved outcomes in safety, permanency and a reduced reliance on detentions, today we have before us requests to approve a total of 94 contracts for the provision of a comprehensive range of community-based services to children and families throughout Los Angeles County.

The money to assist these needy families comes from existing federal, state and county funding streams earmarked for these specialized services. I believe that we need to continue efforts to look for opportunities to identify long-term funding sources to serve both at-risk families who would benefit from family support services that would keep them out of the child welfare system, and help them stay together and flourish, as well as families already in the child welfare system that perhaps may require more in-depth service needs.

Partnerships between County agencies and community agencies have proven to be critical to these efforts. I believe that further investment in these innovative service partnerships will improve the overall well-being of Los Angeles County children and families, and further enhance our support system for those families at-risk.

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors instructs the DCFS Director and the Chief Administrative Officer to identify ongoing funding sources for the further expansion of community-based Family Support and Family Preservation; and report to the Board in 60 days on its progress.

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